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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Discussion of S. 782 with Kenneth E. BeLieu,  
Deputy Assistant to the President for Congressional  
Relations (Senate)

1. Messrs. John M. Maury and John S. Warner met with Mr. Kenneth E. BeLieu, Deputy Assistant to the President for Congressional Relations (Senate), in the White House for approximately an hour. We did not discuss the details of S. 782 since it is identical to Ervin's bill of the last Congress, S. 1035. Mr. BeLieu appeared to recall the details of this fairly thoroughly in view of previous discussions between him and Mr. Warner. We did leave with Mr. BeLieu a copy of the bill, the Director's letter to the President dated 10 June 1968 with a copy of the Director's letter to Mr. Rivers dated 25 September 1967, plus a draft of a new summary of the Agency's concern.

2. Mr. BeLieu ran down the list of co-sponsors name by name indicating he felt sure a number of them would be amenable to reason. In view of the fact that the bill is identical to the one which passed the Senate last year, concern was expressed about reporting the bill out without further hearings. Mr. BeLieu urged that Mr. Maury make efforts with appropriate Senators to request hearings or otherwise delay reporting out. Mr. BeLieu specifically requested Mr. Maury to keep him advised of any "intelligence" that Mr. Maury picks up. Mr. BeLieu had no information as to the current Administration's thinking on this bill.

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3. Mr. BeLieu indicated that Bryce Harlow, Assistant to the President for Congressional Relations, will be commencing periodic meetings of legislative liaison officers of all departments and Mr. BeLieu will try to get this on an early agenda for discussion. Mr. BeLieu indicated further that he felt it would be desirable if Mr. Maury attended such meetings where there were topics of possible interest.

4. In addition to the Senate background on S. 1035 (now S. 782), we also advised of the developments last year on the House side. Clearly Mr. BeLieu's position is that the security agencies should be protected and, further, he thinks this is not a good bill for Government in general. He was very appreciative of our bringing this to his attention and said he would get right to work on this and that it would be "a labor of love."

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